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West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

Attn: Ms. Ellen Herndon

Office of Water Resources/Groundwater Protection

1201 Greenbrien Street Charleston, WV 25311

Re: Approval of Time Extension for use of Temporary Groundwater Monitoring Wells at ABL

Dear Ms. Herndon:

The purpose of this letter is to request your approval to extend the time period for the use of temporary groundwater monitoring wells at the Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (ABL) Superfund Site, located in Rocket Center, West Virginia. This letter is a follow up to your recent telephone conversation with Rob Pierpont of CH2M HILL, Inc. during which you granted verbal approval for the continued use of these temporary monitoring wells.

The use of the wells at Area of Concern (AOC) N was approved by your office on April 11, 2002. This approval indicated that the wells were to be removed at the end of a 60-day sampling period. The first set of these wells was installed and sampled during the week of on April 26, 2002 and the final set was installed and sampled the week of May 24, 2002. These wells have provided valuable site characterization information on AOC N. Due to the unforeseen complexity of this site, it would be beneficial to continue using these temporary wells for sampling purposes through September 30, 2002.

Note that Monitoring Well Documentation Forms for the temporary wells will be submitted to your office by July 24, 2002. Please contact me at 757-322-4795 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dominic O'Connor

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By direction

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Mr. Brett Doerr (CH2M HILL)